

# **South Dakota**

## **MAY CROP REPORT**

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News Release

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**SIOUX FALLS, MAY 12, 2000** – The South Dakota May 1, 2000 winter wheat production forecast is 56.32 million bushels, 5 percent below last year's harvest, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. The winter wheat yield is forecast at 44 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels per acre from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.28 million acres, 2 percent (20,000 acres) above the 1999 acres harvested. Planted acreage, at 1.35 million, is up 4 percent (50,000 acres) from last year.

May 1, 2000 on-farm hay stocks, at 3.1 million tons, are up 55 percent from May of 1999. Hay disappearance from December 1, 1999 to May 1, 2000 was 6.4 million tons, down 15 percent from last year.

### ***CORRECTION***

**Previous release showed comparison to May 1999. This correction shows May 2000 winter wheat forecast compared to final 1999 crop.**

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